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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Philosophy Club to host an open forum

The Philosophy Club will host a forum entitled "Technology and privacy: encroachments to privacy in technological world" at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Speakers will be Fred Lamer and Daniel Smith from Northwest and James Okapal from Missouri Western State University.

CALENDAR

Friday

Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Convention

"The Ash Girl," opens 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Volleyball MIAA tournament

Saturday

Computer Science/Information Systems Student Visit Day

International Student Association Dinner

"The Ash Girl," 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center.

Sunday

French movie: "Cyran de Bergerac," 6 p.m., Wells Hall 141

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NW Football

The Bearcats gear up to face Missouri Southern at home at 1 p.m. Saturday.

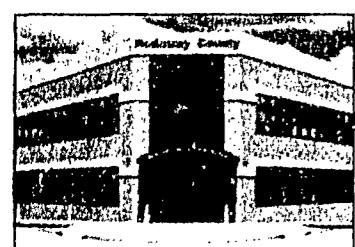
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Mel's winning ways

Mel Tjeerdsma approaches his 200th win while leading the Bearcats.

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New Buildings

New Administration building to be built in Nodaway County.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 1 issue of the Missourian, the caption underneath the photo for the story "Facility has first tenant" was incorrect. The photo depicted President Dean Hubbard and Carbolytic Materials Co. (LLC) CEO Raymond Riek shaking hands after signing a memorandum of understanding that secured CMC as the Center of Excellence's first tenant.

Also from the Nov. 1 issue, the correct date for "Family Guy" producer/voice actor Mike Henry's campus lecture is Thursday, Nov. 15.

"Band raises funds for travel," an article in the Oct. 25 Missourian, should have printed the cost per person for band students to travel to London this winter as \$2,200.

WEB EXCLUSIVES

Check for a video package and story covering the annual ladybug "invasion" on the Northwest campus.

Look for live audio/video slideshows featuring Maryville's war veterans.

Visit us online to see more photos of Northwest's football fanatics, the Shirtless Bearcats.

Your place for breaking news
 The Northwest Missourian is holding a contest for all NWmissourianews.com subscribers. Log on and register to receive breaking news e-mails. One name will be drawn to receive a free iPod on Friday.

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Forums introduce students, faculty to director candidates

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

The search for a new Campus Activities director is coming to an end.

Forums were held Tuesday and Wednesday to allow Northwest students, faculty and staff to meet the candidates and have their questions answered.

On Tuesday, Interim Campus Activities Director Angel McAdams Prescott, and presented the goals she has if she gets the position and answered student, faculty and staff questions. At the end of the forum she asked those in attendance how they see the Campus Activities Office now and how they would like to see it run.

Wednesday, Bobbie Delaney took her turn

answering student, faculty and staff.

McAdams Prescott is a Northwest Graduate and during her time as a student she was active.

After graduation McAdams Prescott got a job at the University of Arkansas where she was the first student activities director. From there she moved to Pittsburg State University where she got a job in stu-



Angel McAdams Prescott
 Candidate, Campus Activities Director



Bobbie Delaney
 Candidate, Campus Activities Director

dent activities and started seeking her master's degree in communication with an emphasis in organizational development.

While there she found similarities in Pitt State and Northwest.

"In some ways it was like coming home," McAdams Prescott said.

Delaney received her bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in individual

studies and her master's degree from Grand Valley State University.

Delaney has worked at Iowa State University as a residence hall director and is currently a residence hall director at Missouri Western State University.

If she gets the job, McAdams Prescott said she is looking forward to advance the Encore Series and Distinguished Lecture Series and looking forward to supervising and mentoring the staff in the Campus Activities Office.

McAdams Prescott told those in attendance she is wanting to get more student feedback with the Encore Series as well as reconstructing the selection committee to involve the campus

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CIRCUIT COURT

Espey wants lawsuit against him dismissed

By Sean Comer
Politics/Courts Reporter

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey and a Conception Junction man both await a ruling deciding a sex offender registration controversy.

Attorney Robert Sundell petitioned circuit court judge Roger Prokes Oct. 15 to rule that Johnny R. Rich, of Conception Junction, does not have to register as a sex offender in the state of Missouri. The action names Espey as defendant in his capacity as Nodaway County Sheriff.

Upon Rich's relocation to Conception Junction from Florida in 1995, Espey informed him the law required him to register as a sex offender based on a May 1992 no contest plea to attempted sexual battery in Orange County, Fla.

Rich was prosecuted in 2004 for failing to register, as admitted in Sundell's petition. The State dismissed the case based on Rich's defense arguing that the Florida charges did not require registration under Missouri law. In addition, Missouri does not require sex offenders convicted before Jan. 1, 1995, to register with the state.

Nodaway County prosecutor David Baird filed a motion Oct. 24 on behalf of Espey to dismiss Sundell's petition.

Baird's motion states that Espey has only followed the instructions given by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, which maintains the Missouri Sex Offender Registry.

Baird's petition further stated that Rich "has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted."

Missouri State Highway Patrol lieutenant Edward Aylward quoted Missouri Revised Statute 589.400 as declaring that a registered sex offender in any state — regardless of the offense's status under Missouri law — would require the offender to register.

Rich has since been advised by the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department that he can be arrested for failure to register, according to Sundell's petition.

Sundell had not returned phone calls for comment as of press time.

Neither Espey nor Baird were at liberty to comment on the respective actions.

Prokes has not stated whether the petition will be dismissed or when he will make a ruling.



Ben Espey
 Sheriff

MEMORIES OF SERVICE

Veteran remembers his volunteer efforts in China

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

His face has turned fair gone white, but through his bright blue eyes, George Gayler has seen the world.

A veteran of World War II, Gayler served in China with the United States Air Force delivering and picking up everything from supplies to soldiers.

Despite everything occurring over 60 years ago, the things he experienced are still fresh in his mind.

"I got there in November of '43 and got back December of '45," Gayler said.

While many were drafted into the war, Gayler volunteered after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Call it patriotism I guess," he said. "I wanted to be in the Air Force."

A student at Western Illinois in Macomb, Ill., Gayler was dating the woman who eventually became his wife when he considered joining the military.

"We met the week I was at school," Barbara Gayler said. "I was wanting a date to the homecoming. I found out afterwards I was very interested in music, but it had never reached his feet."

After enlisting, George left Macomb and was sent to San Antonio, Texas for cadet training.

"It was a new experience," George said. "I didn't like it at all."

Traveling all across the Lone Star State for training, George spent time at a base near Amarillo, Texas to be a flight instructor.

"No experience of being a flight instructor, but I managed," he said.

Eventually, George got word he was going overseas, the notice came just three months after his marriage to Barbara.

"You knew that was going to happen," Barbara said. "It was happening to all fellows of that age who were in service."

As for George, he had no idea where he was going.

"I took a train from Chicago to Newport News, Va. and from there, we got on a boat and went across the Atlantic," George said. "My guess was Italy, boy was I wrong."

George and his fellow troops traveled all over Europe before arriving in India.

"When we landed at Bombay, we got on a train immediately," he said. "Very interesting experience all the way across India."

Ending their travels at a U.S. base in western China, George and the flyboys were able to get to work.

"The troop carrier planes, I was in, the plane to carry anything that needed to be dropped," George said. "They had mules, ammunition, gasoline, food, mainly rice, troops."

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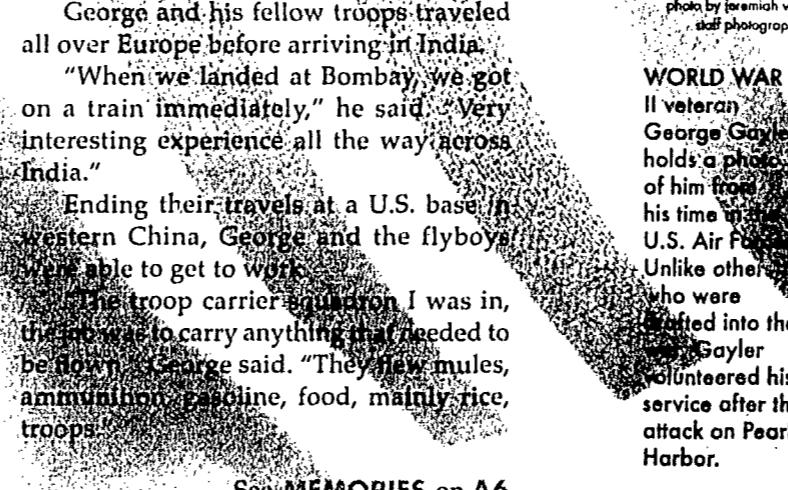


photo by Terriann Wall
 staff photographer

WORLD WAR II VETERAN

George Gayler holds a photo of him from his time in the U.S. Air Force. Unlike others who were drafted into the service after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he volunteered his service after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Two companies sign on as facility's first occupants

By Evan Young
Managing Editor

After three years with no genuine occupant for the Center of Excellence, Northwest, within the course of one week, has officially booked two companies for the facility's business incubator.

The University signed a memorandum of understanding with Carbolytic Materials Co. (LLC) of St. Louis on Oct. 25. It signed a similar agreement Nov. 2 with a second company.

For competitive reasons, the second company's name and specific business field remains confidential. However, it should begin operating out of the Center by late 2008, Northwest President Dean Hubbard.

The Center's second tenant had reasons similar to CMC for wanting to operate out of

northwest Missouri, Nodaway County Economic Developer Lee Langerock said.

"We just have a lot to offer. That was the draw," Langerock said. "The principal draw for this company was the experience the professional staff has to offer, the chance to work with students and the connection with the community."

Combined, the two companies will bring in about 25 new jobs with average salaries of \$30,000 to \$35,000 to the community, plus other high-

paying administrative positions, Hubbard said.

CMC specializes in manufacturing ApexCM from shredded tires. ApexCM is a substance that makes tires black and reinforces them and other rubber and plastic products.

The substance can be used as an alternative to the less environmentally friendly carbon black, which is produced by the incomplete combustion of oil and natural gas.

CMC also uses its technology to recover and recycle the "ingredients"

of rubber products — including oil, gas and ApexCM.

Once known as the Center of Excellence for Plant Biologics, the facility lost previous prospective tenants Ventria Bioscience and Edenspace Systems Corp. over the past two years, partially because of funding uncertainties.

More than \$24 million in state money will fund the building's construction and completion through Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative. Northwest received the first installment of these funds three weeks ago and will receive the remainder over the next five years.

Phase 1 of construction, exterior design, is complete, and the next phase, interior design, is underway, University officials said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

University choirs scheduled to host joint performance

The Madrallers and the University Chorale will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Performing Arts Center. Assistant Music Professor Brian Lanier will direct both groups. Admission to the performance is free.

Symphony to perform next week

The Northwest Wind Symphony is scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Charles Johnson Theater.

The event is free and open to the public. At 4 p.m. Nov. 16, the wind symphony is invited to perform for the Nebraska Music Educators Association at Lied Center.

Board of Regents president elected

Regent Bill Loch was elected to serve two years as the Northwest Board of Regents.

Loch replaces Regent Rita Hanks. Loch was appointed to the board by Gov. Matt Blunt in April 2006 for a five-year term.

Regent Don Schneider was also elected to serve two years as vice president of the board, replacing Regent Rollie Stidman.

Students can learn about Study Abroad

A Study Abroad Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the W. Jones Student Union second floor hallway.

There will be a study abroad question and answer session at 4 p.m. Thursday in the International and Intercultural Living Room in the Student Union. The Q-and-A session will be with the Study Abroad alumni.

The deadline for Summer and Fall 2008 study abroad is Jan. 29, 2008, and the deadline for all other programs is March 10, 2008.

Northwest Dance Company Fall Show

The Northwest Dance Company Fall Show will be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

CONSTRUCTION

Campus to build \$6 million worth of facilities

By Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

years, Finance and Support Services Vice President Ray Counter said.

During the past several years, a planning team consisting of staff, administrators and architects have been designing a series of projects, which would replace outdated and poorly designed office and storage areas, Counter said.

The new buildings will be located around the Materials Distribution Center.

Services currently using these buildings include shops, grounds, transportation and storage compartments that were recently located in the Viking Building lower level.

Everything must be moved out of the lower level of Viking for the classrooms to be built, Environmental Services Director Dave DuVall said.

Construction should begin by Summer 2008 on a new shop class building, Counter said.

The inside of the shops building will be repaired by shop students, DuVall said. "Our philosophy is it's your home you help build it."

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

SAC presents first speaker of the year

Voice of 'Family Guy,' Mike Henry to speak, followed by autograph session

By Lisa Houtchens
Missourian Reporter

The voice may sound vaguely familiar.

Mike Henry, voice of many characters on the hit series "Family Guy," will present the first Student Activities Council lecture of the year. The lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Henry has been working on "Family Guy" since 1999. He vocalizes the characters of Cleveland, Herbert, and others, according to Greater Talent Network, a celebrity speakers bureau.

Wesley Miller, SAC Lecture chairman contacted the Greater Talent Network and worked out an agreement for Henry to speak at the University, Miller said. Henry's agent, Jessica Fee, gave a list of names of possible speakers, which were on the venue.

"One of the names she (the agent) did give me was Mike Henry," Miller said. "There are a lot of people interested in 'Family Guy'."

SAC President Kelli Farris knows the popularity of "Family Guy" and the crowd that will be drawn in.

Audience members are welcome to bring any memorabilia to have autographed and photos will be allowed.

PHILANTHROPY

Up 'til Dawn surpasses expected participation

By Netta Hall
Missourian Reporter

Staying up all night -- college students do it all the time; whether it's for studying or partying, it happens.

The teams stayed up late

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Jenny Harrison, Up 'til Dawn Executive Director

work together to raise funds, Up 'til Dawn Executive Director Jenny Harrison said. Each member had to get 50 addresses of people and fill out a "50 Names Fast" sheet, she said.

The teams stayed up late

"Wednesday night, writing letters to the people asking for their support and donations to St. Jude, Up 'til Dawn Assistant Director Amanda Davis said. Up 'til Dawn pays for the postage of the letters, she said.

This year, our lofty goal for the number of teams

was 75. We were blown away when we realized we had 103 teams of six people," Up 'til Dawn Entertainment Director Kayla Scott said.

None of the surrounding schools have as much participation as Northwest, Scott said.

"We are extremely excited that so many people are participating in Up 'til Dawn," Harrison said. "Ten percent of our campus is taking an active part."

The top-raising school for last year's Up 'til Dawn only had 9 percent of student participation, Harrison said.

The All Team Meeting is the biggest fund-raiser for Up 'til Dawn, Davis said.

"It's basically a giant late night party. Entertainment, fun, and a little work -- all for a great cause," Harrison said.

With all the free treatments and expensive research, it costs more than \$1.3 million per day to run St. Jude's, according to its Web site.

Students across the nation are taking an active part in raising funds to help offset these costs.

Teams consisting of six people

are constructed out of and the edges of the entrances rust, Counter said.

The bathrooms in the building will be built with solid construction material to help in case of weather and emergencies, DuVall said.

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OUR VIEW

Accountability important for all media members

Although this editorial usually deals with what goes on at Northwest or in the Maryville community, this week the Northwest Missourian just can't ignore our neighbors to the south, Missouri Western State University.

Over week ago the *Griffon News*, Missouri Western's campus newspaper, ran a staff editorial titled "Have some respect, this isn't High School."

The editorial addressed a number of issues, from vandalism in the Student Union, to a scuffle that broke out at a recent convocation. All of these acts according to the editorial are "reportedly coming from one minority."

Obviously the paper set off racial tensions with this blatant profiling, and a week ago the *St. Joseph News-Press* ran an article on how students responded at the following NAACPS meeting.

While the newspaper might have had good intentions by calling out the students' disrespect of their university's campus — proving your point through racial profiling is never acceptable.

This is definitely not the first, or the last, time a college newspaper gave college media a bad reputation.

In September Colorado State University's newspaper, *Rocky Mountain Collegian*, grabbed national headlines with a headline that included a four-letter word after the Tasing incident at Florida State University.

Sensationalism sells, but is that really what you're after?

Honest, hard working journalists are needed now more than ever. In a world where mega media corporations are allowed to own more and more news outlets, where the "media" are under constant attack and where more people care more about celebrity news than politics, it is important for journalists to do their job.

It shouldn't make a difference if you're writing an editorial for the opinion page, or if you're writing a news story for the front, accountability is always necessary.



MY VIEW

Spreading rumors in times of crisis does no good



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger
Contributing Columnists

By this time, we all know about the gunfire incident that took place on campus over homecoming weekend.

We know that shots were fired somewhere near the High Rise dormitories and the Station and that nobody was injured.

With all the facts of the incident in mind, most of us are turning our attention to the handling of the event — from the initial shot until the investigation of the suspects.

Perhaps a bigger cause for concern, other than the crime itself, is the way people both on and off campus initially handled the situation.

all that happened was a couple of shots fired with no reported injury.
The lesson here — get the facts before you panic.

Nothing makes a dangerous situation even more dangerous like rational people losing their heads.

Anyone on campus at the time of

the incident knows that Campus Safety and school officials took the occurrence very seriously — and rightfully so, considering the grave importance of campus safety in the wake of tragedies like the Virginia Tech massacre.

We have heard people criticize the school for locking down campus facilities, including residence halls, because they feel inconvenienced by the whole procedure.

Criticizing campus officials for being thorough in the interest of student safety makes almost as much sense as running up and down Fourth Street screaming about a crazed gunman on campus.

The bottom line is that the situation was handled rather poorly by some students, but very well by Campus Safety.

Though we certainly hope that nothing like this ever happens again, we also hope that people can maintain their composure, act like rational adults and allow school officials to do their jobs, whether it creates an inconvenience for us or not.

Amused Student posted 11/3

I haven't been at Northwest for that long, but I always thought the point of the stroller was to be made fun of things. I happen to think it's friggin' hilarious, and one of the reasons half of my floor reads the paper anyway. Keep going with the immaturity. A little humor in life keeps people grounded.

I agree with Amused Alumni that WM looks like a moron arguing with Your Man about the exact thing he is picking fun at. Do you even read the stroller? Stop getting so worked up about a little bit of bad language. Seriously, there are more important things going on to worry about than a campus newspaper. If this is what you do in your spare time? Comment on line on student stories?

I also love reading the comments. People get so worked up over a piece of humor writing. Nice job man.

Another Amused Alumni posted 11/6

As a former student of Northwest ('91) I would just like to point out that the stroller has always been a satire piece. It's amusing to see, as others have stated above, that people think this is the first time the stroller has been under attack. From my experience reading the paper, the stroller's one and only job is to stir the pot and (maybe) get some laughs along the way. All you have to do is look at the "recently commented" and see that obviously it's working. Good work.

MY VIEW

Pakistan's future depends on Bush's choices in counterterrorism

On Saturday, Pakistani President, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, declared a state of emergency in response to the Pakistan's Supreme Court's release of 60 people accused of terrorism. Musharraf declared that the judiciary branch went beyond its boundaries when the courts urged that the accused' civil rights be protected.

The state of emergency included numerous arrests, the removal of communication in Pakistan, a suspension of the constitution as well as the suppression of privately owned media channels. Not only this, but it also prompted several riots when lawyers cried out against the sweeping authority given to the police that led to the right to assembly and freedom of speech.

Although Musharraf's excuse was to end terrorism in Pakistan, critics claim that this is not the case, but rather to gain more personal power by silencing the Supreme Court before it could have ruled on his re-election by parliament would be invalid while he was still army chief.

Before I go into the possible consequences of

such an action, such as civil war, the fragmentation into smaller states or even another coup, I must first devolve into the history of Pakistan so it might be made more explicable.

Pakistan is separated, graphically speaking, in two main parts: where the main population resides, the Indus River Valley, and where the division of ethnicity runs deep and strong, the mountainous regions. Pakistan, therefore, is a state, not a nation, bound by its faith, but also divided by its many forms. Pakistan began as a state in crisis, founded upon the battle between secularism and religion, leading to a breakdown in the parliamentary system early on and held together by the army.

Now, if the Pakistani state tried to create a nation, it would have to be founded upon the strength of the army. You can view this as a human body. We are allowed to sit, or stand firm, by our spine. If the spine were to be removed, we

would not be able to sit or stand on our own. We would collapse. The army is the spine of the Pakistani body. Once it is removed, the country collapses. As long as the militant body of Pakistan remains united, the country is less likely to fall prey to inside forces that could tear it apart.

If viewed in this context, Musharraf's declaration of emergency rule is quite acceptable. Pakistan is a divided country with the ability to fall prey to secessionism itself. The army is the body that goes beyond all these divisions, symbolizing unity.

First, Bush could sever financial aid to Pakistan. But what would the consequence of such an action be? It could greatly undermine the efforts of counterterrorism.

Second, Bush could continue to support the Musharraf government. But that would only bring more criticism from human rights advocates, as well as scorn among critics of the President's "freedom agenda," a policy to advance democracy around the world, mainly in the Middle East.

However, the backlash is now being felt as elections in certain Middle Eastern territories, including Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt and Iraq, actually succeeded in bringing some... (column continued online at nwmissourinews.com)



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

I do not believe Musharraf continues to wear the army general uniform to gain more power, but rather to represent the unity that acts as the spine, holding Pakistan together.

But how does this affect the United States?

Why is President Bush warning Musharraf that he will be removed, we

against such actions? The answer stems from the after-shocks of Sept. 11. Thus, for Pakistan has proved to be a great ally in the war on terrorism. The United States gives billions of dollars in aid to continue this alliance. This brings Bush deep within the conflict, leaving him with two options.

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CAMPUS TALK

Do you think studying abroad should be a requirement?



"I think that studying abroad is a great idea, but I don't think that the university, faculty and students alike are ready for the effects it will have,"
Kyle Thorpe
Public Relations



"I think it's a good idea. If you're paying for the class you should be able to pick where you are taking the class,"
Katie Glavin
Chemistry



"No, it should not be a requirement. Some students aren't comfortable with the idea of being forced to do something,"
Nathan Goldstein
Physical Education



"I don't like it because some students can't afford it. If they start the program, scholarships should be available for students,"
Megan Dunkle
Agriculture Education/
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"I don't like it because some students can't afford it. If they start the program, scholarships should be available for students,"
Pat McInvale
Business

OPINION

COMMENTS FROM nwmissourinews.com



In response to "Your man hates ignorance"
WM posted 11/1

I personally feel that you are the most immature person, and the worst writer I know. How can someone with such strong opinions be so dumb? It amazes me how you think it is right to constantly bash and demonize great organizations such as SAC, or our PRESIDENT of our University... Dr. Hubbard... I definitely feel that your immaturity is the key root of IGNORANCE. Grow up! We are in college, not sixth grade.

Amused Alumni posted 11/3

Hey guess what, WM, you are exactly the type of person he is writing about in the article. I would like to thank you on Your Man's behalf for proving his point. Thank you and have a nice day!

Are you serious?
posted 11/3

Do you think your funny? Your articles are a complete waste of space and I honestly think a couple brain cells die everytime I read one of them. I do enjoy reading all of the comments about how bad you suck though. I don't know why a newspaper with such a good reputation would print your crap. It's not a matter of ignorance, your stuff is just stupid and completely immature. I agree with WM, grow up.

Criticizing campus officials for being

thorough in the interest of student safety makes almost as much sense as running up and down Fourth Street screaming about a crazed gunman on campus.

The bottom line is that the situation was

handled rather poorly by some students, but very well by Campus Safety.

Though we certainly hope that nothing like this ever happens again, we also hope that people can maintain their composure, act like rational adults and allow school officials to do their jobs, whether it creates an inconvenience for us or not.

Amused Student posted 11/3

I haven't been at Northwest for that long, but I always thought the point of the stroller was to be made fun of things. I happen to think it's friggin' hilarious, and one of the reasons half of my floor reads the paper anyway. Keep going with the immaturity. A little humor in life keeps people grounded.

I agree with Amused Alumni that WM looks like a moron arguing with Your Man about the exact thing he is picking fun at. Do you even read the stroller? Stop getting so worked up about a little bit of bad language. Seriously, there are more important things going on to worry about than a campus newspaper. If this is what you do in your spare time? Comment on line on student stories?

I also love reading the comments. People get so worked up over a piece of humor writing. Nice job man.

Another Amused Alumni posted 11/6

As a former student of Northwest ('91) I would just like to point out that the stroller has always been a satire piece. It's amusing to see, as others have stated above, that people think this is the first time the stroller has been under attack. From my experience reading the paper, the stroller's one and only job is to stir the pot and (maybe) get some laughs along the way. All you have to do is look at the "recently commented" and see that obviously it's working. Good work.

First, Bush could sever financial aid to Pakistan. But what would the consequence of such an action be? It could greatly undermine the efforts of counterterrorism.

Second, Bush could continue to support the Musharraf government. But that would only bring more criticism from human rights advocates, as well as scorn among critics of the President's "freedom agenda," a policy to advance democracy around the world, mainly in the Middle East.

However, the backlash is now being felt as

elections in certain Middle Eastern territories,

including Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt and Iraq,

actually succeeded in bringing some... (column

continued online at nwmissourinews.com)

Graduates buried by debt

By Patricia Alex
The Record (MCT)

graduating with six-figure debt and looking at payments well into middle age.

Debt numbers for New Jersey students are a bit above the national average and, paradoxically, students at some of the state's most expensive schools have the least debt. That's because schools such as Princeton and Drew universities, which cost more than \$40,000 for students who live on campus, have large endowments that allow the institutions to supplement tuition for middle-class and lower-income students.

FORUM: Decision could come as soon as next week

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and the community and make performances more of an experience by involving campus departments.

"I'm looking for new challenges," McAdams-Prescott said.

She also wants to make the office inclusive to all campus organizations.

If she gets the job, McAdams-Prescott wants to partner with departments on campus to get their help with planning events.

If Delaney gets the job, she wants to get more students involved in activities planning, and find new and creative ways of spreading the word about upcoming events.

CENTER: 25 jobs coming

Continued from A1

The Center's other half will house Northwest's Graduate Applied Research Center, where students and faculty will work alongside company researchers to further develop their technologies as part of academic programs.

For the time being, there are no plans for additional companies to join the others at the Center, Langerock said.

However, the community will continue to seek out potential tenants, she said.

"The big focus here is that we offer a caliber education for individuals who seek that, and the Center of Excellence offers fantastic opportunities for target industries to thrive and to grow," she said.

MEMORIES: Uniform on display at historical society

Continued from A1

When she arrives on campus she wants to walk around and introduce herself to offices and get them involved in Campus Activities.

She is also interested in working with the Distinguished Lecture Series and Encore performances.

Delaney also wants to celebrate diversity with everything the Campus Activities Office plans.

"We need to celebrate the fact we are all different," Delaney said.

The final decision, which is in the hands of Student Affairs Vice President Jerry Wilmes and Associate Student Affairs Vice President Jackie Elliot could come as early as next week, Overall Selection Co-Chair Wesley Miller said.

However, being away from his

home, wife and family, had an emotional effect.

"I missed, of course, being away from home and it did occur to me, once in a while, I might not get back," George said. "Things like that did bother you a little bit."

Time went by and before he knew it, his tour of duty was over. Coming home had an emotional feel too.

"One of the things that hit me, as much as anything, was sailing in New York Harbor and seeing the Statue of Liberty," George said.

Several train trips later, Barbara was back in her arms.

"He had a very yellow complexion because of all the medication they were giving them," Barbara said.

Other than that, nothing was different about her husband. He was still the skinny blond-haired man she married just a short time ago.

Next to seeing his wife and family, George had something else on his mind: graduate school.

Money that Barbara saved helped pay George's way through school at the University of Indiana.

With a baby and a family to support, George desperately needed a job following graduation.

"I sent out letters to a whole lot of Midwest schools and the only place I got a positive answer was Maryville, Mo.," he said.

George packed his family and moved to Maryville where he got a job at Northwest teaching history. He taught until 1987 when he retired.

"I wouldn't have left for anything," George said.

George and Barbara still live in Maryville today. They have a grandson currently serving in Iraq.

George's Air Force uniform is on display at the Nodaway County Historical Society.



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GEORGE WAITS at a train station during his time of service.
Historical Society.

MCT CAMPUS

Rare comet comes into view, should last next few months

By Tina Hesman Saey
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

Look. Up in the sky. Is it a plane? Is it a fuzzy star?

No. It's Comet Holmes.

The comet has been exciting astronomers and amateur skywatchers since it burst into view two weeks ago. It's one of trillions of objects that circle the outer reaches of the solar system, usually unnoticed.

For more than 100 years, Holmes has been invisible to the naked eye, but now you can see it in the northeast sky, even where city street lamps drown out starlight.

The comet is so far away that usually only the most powerful telescopes are able to detect it, said Erika Gibb, an astronomer at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The closest Comet Holmes gets to the sun is twice the distance from the Earth to the sun, she said.

Suddenly, after midnight on Oct. 24, the comet grew brighter, attracting the attention of amateur astronomers in Spain and then around the world.

Scientists can't predict how long the comet will be visible this time, Gibb said, but it was still bright early in the week. The comet circles the sun about every seven years.

Comets are fragile, only about as dense as a snowdrift," she said.

Sometimes pieces break off, and sunlight bouncing off the new material can brighten things up a bit, but it is unusual for the brightness to change so dramatically, Gibb said.

Gibb learned about the comet's transformation quickly, and she and her colleagues almost immediately began applying for time to study the object using high-tech telescopes around the world.

"It looks like a big bull's-eye in the sky."

Gibb said.

So far, the scientists have learned that the comet contains organic chemicals and water, she said. They are analyzing data now and hope to report their findings in the coming months.

Steve Taylor, an amateur astronomer and member of the St. Louis Astronomical Society, learned about the comet from the group.

He located the object quickly with just his eyes, he said. The comet appears as a bright, fuzzy star to the naked eye, Taylor said.

The comet is round and doesn't appear to have a tail, although recent images suggest it is developing one, Gibb said.

But Taylor said skywatchers who grabbed a pair of binoculars or peeked through a telescope wouldn't be disappointed by the tailless comet.

"That's why the good Lord put eyeballs in front of our heads instead of behind our heads," Taylor said.

"We focus on the future and we don't talk about the past ever. We talk about what our goals are and having a winning season was the first stepping stone and that's in the books."

That's good advice for a team that had endured tragedy with the death of coach John Ware, who was found dead in his office in Sept. 2005.

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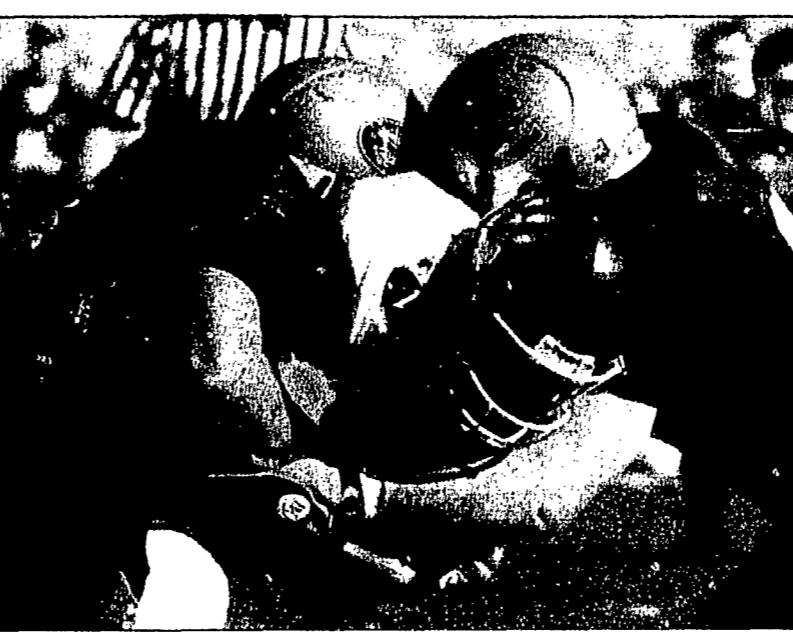


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WIDE RECEIVER Brian Shannon had one catch for five yards as Emporia State defenders bring him down. Shannon got some extra playing time after No. 2 receiver E.J. Falkner and reserve wide-out Sydney Brisbane didn't make the trip.

Northwest can finish a perfect conference schedule for 2nd straight year with win

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

When Bart Tatum arrived at Missouri Southern after the 2005 national championship, he had one message for his new team.

"The worst thing you can do is look behind you."

That's good advice for a team that had endured tragedy with the death of coach John Ware, who was found dead in his office in Sept. 2005. On top of that, the Lions hadn't had a winning season since 1997 and hadn't tasted glory since 1993 when future NFL stars Rod Smith and James Thrash led the Lions to their only MIAA championship.

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That's why the good Lord put eyeballs in front of our heads instead of behind our heads," Tatum said.

"We're still climbing, make no mistake about that, but it was a very difficult task winning more than we lost this year."

Missouri Southern has no shot at a playoff bid but could put a damper on Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdtsma's bid for 200-career wins, and a possible first-round bye in the upcoming Division II playoffs.

"After watching film, it's a little scary. They're good on defense.

See TATUM on B2

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Exhibition ends in loss

Loss points out needed improvements as season opener approaches in one week

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The Northwest women's basketball team saw an early lead quickly evaporate during last Saturday's 83-63 exhibition loss to Illinois State.

Lauren Williams' two free throws gave the Bearcats a 9-6 advantage, before Illinois State's Tiffany Hudson cut the deficit to one with 15:00 left in the first half. Hudson gave the Redbirds the lead, good for when she converted three free throws with 14:58 remaining.

Senior captain April Miller said the game served as a test to see what the team needs to work on for the future.

"The game definitely magnified our weaknesses," Miller said. "They were physical, but we kept in there. I felt when we were clicking, it showed what our potential was."

Mandi Schumacher's layup with 11:35 left in the first half cut Illinois State's lead to 17-16. That was as close as Northwest would come for rest of the game. The Redbirds closed the first half with a 30-16 run, giving them a 47-32 halftime advantage.

For a complete season preview of the Northwest women's basketball team and other winter sports, check out the Winter Sports Preview Nov. 15.

"From the (Illinois State) game, I feel that our transition defense needs to get better," senior captain

Kelli Nelson said. "We've worked on it through drills in the offseason, but the game showed we still need work."

After Northwest fell behind by as many as 18 points in the second half, Schumacher nailed a lay-up cutting the deficit to 68-55 with six minutes remaining.

However, Schumacher missed her free throw attempt, and Illinois State closed the contest on a 15-8 run.

Illinois State's All-MVC guard Kristi Cironi registered 27 points, while Shala Jackson came off the bench and added 16 points and six rebounds.

Meghan Bruce led the 'Cats in scoring with 17 points on 8-of-14 shooting. Bruce added six rebounds, while Jessie Burton hauled in eight rebounds and totaled 12 points. Schumacher and Andrea Dill added nine points apiece.

Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer missed the contest because he attended a memorial service.

Northwest opened the regular season at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 16, at home against Avila University during the Winstead-Reeves Classic.

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NW VOLLEYBALL

SETTER KATIE SWENSON recorded 33 set assists in Northwest's 3-0 season-ending loss to Emporia State, Tuesday.

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Slow start sends team packing for season

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwest volleyball team played its final match of the season in the same way it played many others. They started slow and played great at times, but it just wasn't enough.

The Bearcats lost to No. 15 Emporia State 3-0, Tuesday, in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

"It's always tough leaving a season not playing as well as you can," Northwest coach Anna Texel said.

The team's biggest problem statistically was its inconsistent attack. Northwest posted its third lowest hitting efficiency of the season at .668. They had a total of 22 digs.

The general consensus was the 'Cats just weren't clicking.

"We just didn't come out, but overall it's been a really good season," Wojtowicz said. "If anything, I'm glad we improved over the course of the season."

Northwest finished this season with a 17-17 record, its first non-losing season since 2000, and showed improvement over last year, too.

The team's

NW RUGBY

Rugby a hit in 1st season at Northwest



A NORTHWEST RUGBY player attempts a lateral in their match against Benedictine (Kan.) last Saturday at Bearcat Stadium. This is the first year for Rugby as a club sport at Northwest.

Former athletes find new niche with new club sport as fall season comes to a close

By Jarod Clarke
Missourian Reporter

In a school where football reigns supreme, the Northwest Rugby Club is starting to draw attention to a sport that most Northwest and Maryville community members know little about.

This year marks the inaugural season for the Northwest Rugby Club. The club was created by a group of students and is composed of volunteers who wanted to learn and play the game.

With the help of community businesses and student organizations, the club has built a solid group of players.

Maryville businesses sponsoring the team include U.S. Bank, Carter's Pharmacy, Dominos Pizza, Hy-Vee and Molly's. After getting sponsors around the community, the club put flyers up around campus to get the word out.

"It was a joint effort to spread the word," senior player Nick Triche said. "Our best way to spread the word was by word of mouth and Facebook."

Ninety percent of the players on the team this season had never played rugby. Triche said, "Many were looking for an alternative to football.

Heredia recently moved to Maryville from California. He played rugby professionally for 12 years, including time playing on the Venecia national team. Heredia heard about Northwest Rugby about a week ago and decided to advise the team.

"You get a lot of athletes from high school that come to Northwest who can't participate in the varsity sports," Triche said. "Rugby gives them an alternative, besides intramurals, where they can come out and showcase what they've got."

Rugby is similar to football, but has many different rules and aspects of the game. Many believe that football is harder and more intense than rugby, but when you put both sports side-by-side, one could argue that rugby is just as tough, if not tougher than football, Triche said.

"We are out on the field for 80 minutes solid, no pads, no breaks, and no timeouts, just giving it all we've got," Triche said. "In football, a down is usually an average of a minute and a half, while we are running nonstop."

Sept. 8 marked the first game ever for the Northwest Rugby team.

Training will begin indoors in January after winter break.

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great staffs, both here and at Austin College and it all has fit together."

There has been little turnover in the coaching staff at Northwest. Defensive Coordinator Scott Bostwick has been with Tjeerdsma since his arrival in 1994. Assistant coach Will Wagner is in his eighth season.

"The continuity of our staff has been key. We just don't have any turnover in our staff," Tjeerdsma said. "That's important on the field and in recruiting, because the same guys recruiting the same school year after year and that makes a lot of difference."

Adam Dorrel, in his first season as the offensive coordinator and fourth overall, said Tjeerdsma has been more than a football coach.

"The thing about him that people don't get to see is that he cares about these guys outside of football," Dorrel said, who played offensive lineman for Tjeerdsma from 1994 to 1997. "He taught us a lot about football, but he taught us a lot about life and life skills that I use every day, hard work, discipline."

Tjeerdsma can also become the third active coach this season to reach the 200-win plateau, joining Ohio State's Jim Tressel and Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer. While Tressel and Beamer are more high-profile coaches, Tjeerdsma doesn't regret staying at Northwest, despite Division I coaching jobs that have come across his desk.

"This has been a great situation. We feel like this is a great place to be and this is where I'm supposed to be," Tjeerdsma said. "I don't have any regrets at all. When you look at where our program is and where it was in 1994, we got a good feeling about what has happened here."

"And what's happened in this community and our University and how football has become a high profile thing and I think it's carried over in a lot of ways."

Should another upper-level job show up, Tjeerdsma said he wouldn't give it a second thought.

"You don't have to worry about that," Tjeerdsma said with a chuckle. "There are a lot of young coaches out there that are going to have come across his desk."

"This has been a great situation. We feel



MEL TJEERDSMA (right) and Bart Tatum (left) embrace after last year's game in Joplin. Northwest scored 24-first half points in a 24-7 win.

BEARCATS

SCORE BY QUARTER

W	(8-1)	0	10	7	7	—24
S	(3-7)	0	7	0	0	—7

TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Emporia
455	Total yards 229
70	Total plays 79
5-39.6	Punts-average 9-33.9
11-92	Penalties-yards 9-81
0-0	Fumbles-lost 2-1
230	Passing yards 96
2-14	Sacked-yards lost 3-18
24-35-4	Comp.-Att.-Int. 12-33-0
225	Rushing yards 133
6-4	Total rushes 46
22	Average Gain 2.9
10	First Downs 19
11	Rushing 11
5-13	Passing 3
0-1	Third Downs 8-21
	Fourth Downs 1-2

PLAYER STATISTICS

MIKE PETERSON (left)	hauled in an 8-yard touchdown catch with 2:13 left in the game. Peterson had 5 catches for 60 yards in the 24-7 win. It was Peterson's first touchdown catch since Oct. 13 against Central Missouri.
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TATUM: No. 1 defense awaits 'Cats

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They're a good football team, but they're really impressive on defense," Tjeerdsma said. "He'll have them ready to play. Sometimes, the last game of the year when we're in a situation like we are when we've got a lot to play for, a lot of teams are ready to shut it down, but this won't be the case with them. We're going to be ready for a tough 60-minute football game."

Southern's defense is No. 1 in the MIAA in total defense, allowing 281.3 yards per game. This doesn't bode well for a Northwest defense that committed four turnovers in a 24-7 victory last Saturday. In that game, Joel Osborn threw four interceptions, three of which were tipped by Emporia or Northwest. The team was without No. 2 receiver E.J. Falkner and reserve wide-out Sydney Brisbane, who didn't travel with the team.

"Finding coaches is huge for the team's success," Zimmer said. "Now we can worry about other things like recruiting and the whole logistics of the team. We can make the team a lot more organized."

Richardson, an assistant physics professor at Northwest, is also a sponsor for the team. He had experience playing rugby in high school and college in England and decided to advise the team.

"We just took the best 54 players today and we evaluate that at every position every week," Tjeerdsma said, when asked why Falkner and Brisbane didn't make the team.

When asked about the problems within the receiving corps, senior tight end Mike Peterson wouldn't point fingers at specific

people, but said it's about doing the little things in practice.

"I'm not going to single anybody out, but everybody, no matter what it is, whatever what play it is, knowing what route to run, that's a little part of it," Peterson said, who had 5 catches for 60 yards and a touchdown last Saturday. "But, it's about doing the little things and showing a lot of effort. This is something we build on every week and you got to try to learn to prepare, no matter who it is."

Missouri Southern's offense is anchored by Louisiana State transfer running back Alley Broussard. Broussard has 853 yards and 12 touchdowns. Broussard received national attention when he was featured in a story on SI.com Oct. about small school players who have high-pick draft potential.

Quarterback Adam Hinspeter has 17 touchdown passes and is a player defensive end Tyler Northway says the defense wants to key on. Northway had a six tackles and a sack last Saturday.

"We're going to have to get some hits and bring him to the turf, to make sure he knows he's going to feel pressure the whole game," Northway said.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS



GUARDS MOSE HOWARD (left) and Eddie Gray (right) take part in a dance competition last Thursday at Midnight Madness. Check out the Northwest men's preview in the Winter Sports Preview Nov. 15.

The Northwest defense held Emporia State to 229 yards of total offense.

• Oman needs 17 yards to become the first Division II player to rush for four consecutive 1,500 yard seasons.

• With the win, Northwest clinched its 21st MIAA championship. The total is second only to Truman's 26 titles.

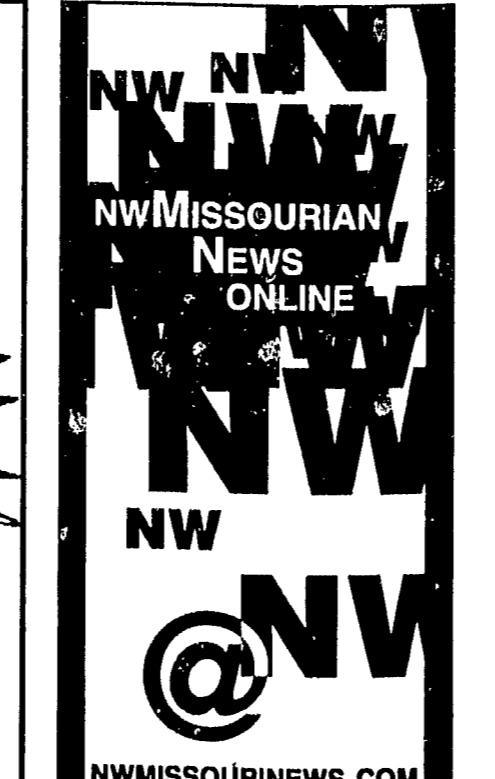
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MHS FOOTBALL

Format set to change after claiming final victim

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

This was not the plan.

Three weeks ago, the Maryville football team was 7-0 and ranked No. 4 in the state and poised to achieve its goal of making the playoffs.

"That's the system we have," Holt said. "I guess you've got to be congratulatory to them. They won the games they had to win, we didn't."

Missouri's three district games format is just one of the many utilized across the country. Iowa, for example, has eight teams per district with the top two squads advancing to the playoffs. Holt said a system like this would make a lot more sense as eight games would count toward the playoffs instead of just three.

"I just think it would allow your whole season to mean something instead of just a few games," he said. "That's the biggest flaw in our system."

Missouri's reluctance to introduce a format where nearly all games are district games stems from the state not wanting to de-value conference play. Teams in the aforementioned formats don't play for conference titles; everything is geared toward districts and the postseason.

"It's just that it would allow your whole season to mean something instead of just a few games," he said. "That's the biggest flaw in our system."

While it will limit the amount of 9-1 teams kept out of the postseason, the new system is not without flaws. Although it comes a year too late for a team that saw one quarter erased a decade's worth of work, it will likely give the 2008 team a long overdue opportunity.

Cochris Holt, who has been on the wrong end of this not-so-rare scenario before as he went 9-1 at Princeton in 2005, said Carrollton merely took advantage of its circumstances.

"That's the system we have," Holt said. "I guess you've got to be congratulatory to them. They won the games they had to win, we didn't."

Missouri's three district games format is just one of the many utilized across the country. Iowa, for example, has eight teams per district with the top two squads advancing to the playoffs. Holt said a system like this would make a lot more sense as eight games would count toward the playoffs instead of just three.

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Missouri's reluctance to introduce a format where nearly all games are district games stems from the state not wanting to de-value conference play. Teams in the aforementioned formats don't play for conference titles; everything is geared toward districts and the postseason.

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SHIRTLESS BEARCATS

Warriors in paint

By Brian Johnson
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It's game day at Northwest and a renegade group of shirtless, painted students are getting the student section pumped. Believe it or not, this is an official Northwest organization.

Donned in Apple Barrel paint, these painted warriors known as the Shirtless Bearcats, are a prime example of how dedicated Bearcat fans can be.

Since 2005, this group has been a prominent part of Northwest athletics by appearing at games with their shirts off and chests painted in support of the Bearcats. The group has appeared at nearly every football and basketball game since then.

"Our main goal is to get the fans excited at the games," senior Howie Ball said. "We want to promote a positive atmosphere for Northwest."

The group's history goes back to the National Championship game in 2005. There, a group of male and female students decided to paint themselves to show support in the Bearcats' biggest game of the season. The following season, the ritual continued.

"We did nearly all the home games and the away games for men and women," senior Scarlet Casey said. "We also traveled to St. Joe and Kansas City for tournaments where the teams did well."

There is a very close bond between all the members of the group when they interact at games. All of them are very close, not just during games, but outside of them as well.

"We all hang out with each other all the time," Casey said. "We go out together, watch games on TV and even room together."

The Shirtless Bearcats also remain very busy when it comes to games. They go to so many games that Casey likes to compare themselves to other college groups that are busy.

"We go to a lot of events together, usually two or three a week," Casey said. "That makes us closer like athletes or teams of choirs."

The group has certainly grown in numbers over the past year. This year, the rowdy group of fans were recognized as an official group by Northwest. They were given enough members to be an official group and the group moved to become an official organization.

"It was exciting to be an official group," Ball said. "It was a great accomplishment for us."

all of the guys are shirtless with letters painted on their chests. The women are also shirtless, but they wear sports bras. Senior Trudy Stensland was reluctant at first to wear such little clothing.

"At first I was nervous," Stensland said. "But after a while you don't even think about it because you have so much fun."

Like all college organizations, there are always expenses. In the Shirtless Bearcats' case, there are expenses in different things like away tickets, transportation and of course, paint. Casey urged anyone to help the group financially if they can through donations.

The group is also selling T-shirts for \$10 a piece in order to raise money. Anyone interested in a shirt should contact Stensland.

According to Casey, the group has received some help from the residence hall directors. Anyone interested in donating should know that they're an organized group.

"Since we are an official student organization, we can accept donations," Casey said. "People can rely on us because we always know who's going to be at a game a week in advance as well as painting designs."

Many students may not take a group whose main objectives are to cheer at a game with their shirts off and paint very seriously. Ball could care less. People should see how organized and committed they are, he said.

"When you put yourself out there like we do, everyone will have their own opinion," Ball said. "We just do what we do and have a good time doing it and people who appreciate that will join."

Support for the group has come from all sides. While it does come from other fans attending the games, it also comes from the athletes themselves. The feedback from some players has been positive and it has provided inspiration for many of them.

"A lot of basketball players thank us," Stensland said. "They told us it gets them more pumped up and it helps get the fans on their feet."

One of the biggest moments in the group's short history was this Family Day. There was a lot of interest in participating with the group and it gave the group more exposure.

"We had 31 people painted for Family Day," Stensland said. "We were able to spell out 'Northwest Missouri State University' with the Shirtless Bearcats."

Shirtless Bearcats are always looking for new members. If anyone is interested in showing support for Northwest Athletics, the group is open to anyone who wants to be part of the action.

"Just shoot us your name and your S-number and we will contact you," Ball said. "We are always excited for new members."

"The Shirtless Bearcats are very grateful for their dedication to the group," Ball said. "The Shirtless Bearcats run deep, even if their paint only



(top) JARED KENDRICK. (bottom, left to right) B-Brad Whitsell, E-Jared Kendrick, A-Liz Whisler, R-Tyler Ryan (graduated), C-Curtis Dedman, A-Greg Hollenbeck (graduated), T-Brian Berry and S-David Meyer are the Shirtless Bearcats. The group has appeared at almost every football and basketball game since 2005. Last year, Northwest recognized the Shirtless Bearcats as an official campus organization.

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